



President Joe Biden speaks about abortion access during an event in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, July 8, 2022, in Washington.

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Biden's realism approach runs head-on into liberal pressure

By SEUNG MIN KIM
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WASHINGTON (AP) — On restoring access to abortion, President Joe Biden says his hands are tied without more Democratic senators. Declaring a public health emergency on the matter has downsides, his aides say. And as for gun violence, Biden has been clear about the limits of what he can do on his own. "There's a Constitution," Biden said from the South Lawn in late May. "I can't dictate this stuff." Throughout this century, presidents

have often pushed aggressively to extend the boundaries of executive power. Biden talks more about its limits. When it comes to the thorniest issues confronting his administration, the instinct from Biden and his White House is often to speak about what he cannot do, citing constraints imposed by the courts or insufficient support in a Congress controlled by his own party — though barely. He injects a heavy dose of reality in speaking to an increasingly restive Democratic base, which has de-

manded action on issues such as abortion and voting rights before the November elections.

White House officials and the president's allies say that approach typifies a leader who has always promised to be honest with Americans, including about how expansive his powers really are. But Biden's realpolitik tendencies are colliding with an activist base agitating for a more aggressive party leader — both in tone and substance.

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Biden's realism approach runs head-on into liberal pressure



President Joe Biden speaks during a meeting with congressional leaders in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, May 12, 2021. From left, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy of Calif., Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., Vice President Kamala, Biden, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of N.Y. Biden, who served for 36 years in the Senate, is an institutionalist to his core and has tried to operate under the constraints of those institutions — unlike his predecessor who repeatedly pushed the boundaries of executive power.

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Although candidate Biden sold himself as the person who best knew the ways of Washington, he nonetheless is hamstrung by the same obstacles that have bedeviled his predecessors.

"I think that if you hesitate from important actions like this just because of a legal challenge, then you would do nothing," said Rep. Judy Chu, D-Calif., who has been pressing for more administrative actions on abortion. "People all across the country are expecting

us — the leaders — to do something."

Biden's cautionary approach could be to protect himself if the White House falls short — like Democrats did in negotiating a party-line spending package centered on the social safety net and climate provisions. That sweeping effort had been steadily thwarted due to resistance from two moderate Democrats, one of them West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, who on Thursday scuttled for the time being a scaled-back effort that focused on climate and taxes.

That development prompted calls from Democratic senators for Biden to unilaterally declare a climate emergency. In a statement Friday while in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Biden pledged to take "strong executive action to meet this moment" on climate. But in recent weeks, that gap between "yes, we can" and "no, we can't" has been most glaring on abortion. Since the Supreme Court last month overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling from 1973 with its constitutional protections for abortion, the White House has come under considerable pressure to try to maintain access to abortion in conservative states that are set to outlaw the procedure.

For instance, advocates have implored Biden to look into establishing abortion clinics on federal lands. They have asked the administration to help transport women seeking abortions to a state that offers the procedure. And Democratic lawmakers are pressing the White House to declare a public health emergency.

Without rejecting the ideas completely, White House aides have expressed skepticism about such requests. And even as he signed an executive order last week to begin addressing the is-

sue, Biden had one clear, consistent message: that he could not do this on his own, shifting attention to the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

"The only way we can secure a woman's right to choose and the balance that existed is for Congress to restore the protections of Roe v. Wade as federal law," Biden said shortly after the court struck down Roe. "No executive action from the president can do that."

Shortly after declaring that the filibuster — a Senate rule that requires 60 votes for most legislation to advance — should not apply for abortion and privacy measures, Biden acknowledged during a meeting with Democratic governors that his newfound position would not make a difference, at least not right away.

"The filibuster should not stand in the way of us being able to do that," Biden said of writing the protections of Roe into federal law. "But right now, we don't have the votes in the Senate to change the filibuster."

Biden, who served for 36 years in the Senate, is an institutionalist to his core and has tried to operate under the constraints of those institutions — unlike his predecessor, Donald Trump, who repeatedly pushed

the boundaries of executive power.

But some advocates don't want to hear from Biden about what he can't do.

Renee Bracey Sherman, founder and executive director of the group We Testify, which advocates for women who have had abortions, said the administration should proceed with a public health emergency even if it's eventually blocked by the courts.

"It tells those people who need abortions that the president is trying to help them, and that the thing that's stopping him is the court, not himself, or his own projections on what could possibly happen," she said, later adding: "The fact that he's an institutionalist and cannot look around and see the institutions around him are crumbling is the problem."

Democratic lawmakers have also continued to prod senior administration officials behind the scenes. In a virtual meeting this past week, Chu urged Xavier Becerra, the health and human services secretary, to have the administration enact a public health emergency. Proponents of the idea say it would unlock certain powers and resources to not only expand access to abortion but to protect doctors who provide them. □

Yellen calls out China trade practices in South Korea visit

By FATIMA HUSSEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said the U.S. and South Korea should deepen their trade ties to avoid working with countries that use their market positions to unfair advantage — calling out China by name.

"We cannot allow countries like China to use their market position in key raw materials, technologies, or products to disrupt our economy or exercise unwanted geopolitical leverage," Yellen says in remarks

prepared for delivery Monday, according to excerpts provided by the Treasury Department. She is set to make the speech at an LG Corp. factory in South Korea. LG in April announced plans to build a \$1.4 billion battery plant in Queen Creek, Arizona.

Yellen represented the U.S. at the Group of 20 finance minister meetings on Indonesia's resort island of Bali and made stops in Tokyo, Japan and Seoul, South Korea. She avoided visiting China, but held a call with

China's vice premier at the start of the month. Yellen has been a critic of China's economic relationship with Russia — urging the Asian superpower to use its "special relationship with Russia" to persuade Russia to end its invasion of Ukraine.

China "has directed significant resources to seek a dominant position in the manufacturing of certain advanced technologies, including semiconductors while employing a range of unfair trade practices to achieve this position,"



U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen speaks during a news conference in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia on Thursday, July 14, 2022.

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she said in her prepared speech.

Citing "the unfair Chinese practices that damage our national security interests,"

Yellen calls on countries to engage in "friend-shoring," as a means to lower economic risks for participating economies. □



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U.S. developing satellite system to track hypersonic weapons

By LOLITA C. BALDOR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The

U.S. will spend \$1.3 billion to develop advanced satellites that will be able to better track hypersonic missile threats, the Pentagon said Monday, announcing two new contracts that will put the detection and tracking systems in orbit by 2025.

Derek Tournear, director of the Space Development Agency, said the contracts will provide 28 satellites, as the U.S. moves to greatly expand and enhance its ability to counter increasing threats from Russia and China.

Both countries have been making strides in their development of hypersonic missiles, which are more difficult to track and shoot down because they maneuver more in flight than conventional weapons that travel in predictable paths. Last year China tested what U.S. officials said was a hypersonic missile,

and Russia has used the weapons in strikes during the war in Ukraine.

"Russia and China have been developing and testing hypersonic glide vehicles — these advanced missiles that are extremely maneuverable," Tournear told Pentagon reporters Monday. "These satellites are specifically designed to go after that next generation version of threats out there so that we can detect and track these hypersonic maneuvering vehicles and predict their impact point." Additional funding for the program was provided by Congress specifically in response to concerns in the Indo-Pacific region, in response to China's rapidly progressing military development.

Hypersonic weapons are

defined as anything traveling beyond Mach 5, or five times faster than the speed of sound. That's about 3,800 mph (6,100 kph). Intercontinental ballistic missiles

far exceed that threshold but travel in a predictable path, making it possible to intercept them.

Historically, Tournear said, the U.S. has not flown satellites that were designed to detect and go after such maneuverable hypersonic weapons. Currently, he said, "we have limited capability to do that tracking aspect." He added, however, that "clearly we don't have zero capability to do tracking."

The new satellites, he said, will enable the U.S. to detect the launch, follow the hypersonic missile as it changes course, calculate where it is heading and provide that data to forces who can launch interceptors.

The contracts were awarded to teams led by L3Harris Technologies, Inc. of Melbourne, Fla., and Northrop Grumman Strategic Space Systems of Redondo Beach, Calif. L3Harris will produce 14 satellites at a



In this image provided by the U.S. Army, Derek Tournear, director of the Space Development Agency, poses for his official portrait at the Pentagon on May 20, 2019.

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cost of about \$700 million, and Northrop will produce 14 at a cost of about \$617 million. The total cost of the program, including the launches and ground control and support, will be about \$2.5 billion.

Tournear said the program represents a shift for the

U.S. toward a larger, overlapping system of satellites. Rather than relying on larger, more expensive satellites that stay in orbit for 15 or more years, the U.S. will have a greater number of cheaper satellites that would be replaced about every five years. □



Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, holds his face mask in his hands as he attends a House Committee on Appropriations subcommittee hearing on about the budget request for the National Institutes of Health, May 11, 2022, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious dis-

ease expert, said Monday he plans to retire by the end of President Joe Biden's

Fauci expects to retire by end of Biden's current term

term in January 2025.

Fauci, 81, was appointed director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in 1984, and has led research in HIV/AIDS, respiratory infections, Ebola, Zika and the coronavirus. He has advised seven presidents and is Biden's chief medical adviser.

In an interview with Politico, Fauci said he hoped to "leave behind an institution where I have picked the

best people in the country, if not the world, who will continue my vision."

Asked Monday on CNN when he planned to retire, Fauci said he does not have a specific retirement date in mind and hasn't started the process.

He said he expects to leave government before the end of Biden's current term, which ends in January 2025.

"By the time we get to the

end of Biden's first term, I will very likely (retire)," Fauci said. He added: "it is extremely unlikely — in fact, for sure — that I am not going to be here beyond January 2025."

Fauci, long a prominent figure of the government's response to infectious disease, was thrust even more into the spotlight at the height of the coronavirus pandemic under then-President Donald Trump. □

Police laud actions of man who killed Indiana mall attacker

By ARLEIGH RODGERS and
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Associated Press

GREENWOOD, Ind. (AP) —

A gunman who shot five people at a suburban Indianapolis shopping mall, killing three of them before a shopper shot and killed him, was a 20-year-old local man who was apparently facing eviction, authorities said Monday.

Jonathan Sapirman, of Greenwood, began firing after leaving a bathroom at the Greenwood Park Mall shortly before it closed Sunday evening, the city's police chief, James Ison, said at a news conference. Sapirman continued shooting people until he was shot and killed by 22-year-old Elisjsha Dicken, of Seymour, a city about 45 miles (72 kilometers) south of Greenwood, who was shopping with his girlfriend, Ison said, calling Dicken's quick action "nothing short of heroic."

"Many more people would have died last night if not for a responsible armed citizen," said the chief, noting that authorities were still trying to determine a motive for the attack.

The Johnson County and Marion County coroners' offices identified the slain victims as a married Indianapolis couple — Pedro



Greenwood Police Chief James Ison speaks during a press conference at the Greenwood City Center in Greenwood, Ind., Monday, July 18, 2022.

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Pineda, 56, and Rosa Mirian Rivera de Pineda, 37 — and Victor Gomez, 30, also of Indianapolis. A woman and a 12-year-old girl who was hit by shrapnel were wounded in the attack, police said.

Although authorities said Dicken was legally armed, the mall prohibits people from carrying weapons on its property.

As of July 1, Indiana law allows anyone age 18 or older to carry a handgun in public except for those prohibited for reasons such

as having a felony conviction, facing a restraining order or having a dangerous mental illness as determined by a court. Indiana's Republican-dominated Legislature retained provisions in the law that allow private property owners to prohibit firearms.

The attack Sunday was the latest in a string of mass shootings in the U.S. Schools, churches, grocery stores and a July Fourth parade near Chicago have all become killing grounds in recent months, though

the country's staggering murder rate can often be seen more clearly in individual killings that rarely make major headlines.

Authorities said Sunday that four of the victims were female and one was male, but they corrected that Monday to two males and three females.

Ison said Sapirman entered the mall and walked into a bathroom, where he spent about an hour before he emerged and opened fire. He said investigators believe Sapirman spent that

time preparing and possibly assembling a disassembled rifle that he had brought in his backpack. He ended up firing 24 rounds within two minutes. Ison said Sapirman used an AR-15-style rifle during the shooting and that investigators found another one and magazines with more than 100 rounds of ammunition in the bathroom. They also found a handgun on Sapirman.

Although police don't know a motive for the attack, Sapirman's relatives told investigators that he recently received notice that he was being evicted from his apartment, though Ison said authorities were still trying to confirm that. Relatives also said Sapirman resigned from a warehouse job in May, he said.

The chief said Dicken fired 10 rounds from his handgun, and that as he fired, Sapirman "attempted to retreat back into the restroom and failed, and fell to the ground after being shot."

"He engaged the gunman from quite a distance with a handgun and was very proficient in that, very tactically sound. And as he moved to close in on the suspect, he was also motioning for people to exit behind him," Ison said of Dicken. □



This undated photo provided by the Alaska State Troopers shows Mary Dawn Wilson.

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Search for Alaska grandma halted after toddler found in car

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) —

Officials have ended their search for a woman whose 2-year-old grandchild was found alone last week in a locked car that stuck in mud on a rural Alaska road, authorities said.

No clues to the whereabouts of Mary Dawn Wilson, 69, have emerged since her Ford Focus was found last Thursday with the child and personal items believed to belong to Wilson, the Alaska Department of Public Safety said in a statement on Saturday. Authorities believe the child was alone in the car for two days.

The search was changed

from "active" to "reactive," meaning that a search could be launched again if officials receive new information or evidence, the statement said.

The statement added that at "this time, there is no evidence of foul play associated with Wilson's disappearance."

Wilson's car was found Thursday on Stampede Road, off the Parks Highway just outside the small community of Healy. Officials believe her vehicle got stuck on Tuesday and that she started walking away from the highway instead of toward it.

The toddler was initially

handed over to the state Office of Children's Services and appeared to be in good health, officials have said.

The child was later reunited with their mother, the Anchorage Daily News reported. Wilson had been watching the child while the mother was working in rural Alaska.

Stampede Road is famous for being the main thoroughfare that adventurers used to retrace the steps of Christopher McCandless, a young idealist whose journey on the Stampede Trail ended with his death.

The trail road eventually ends at treacherous Alaska

backcountry, where McCandless took shelter in an abandoned city bus after he became trapped by the swollen Teklanika River. He died of starvation in 1992 and his life and death were made famous by the book "Into the Wild" by Jon Krakauer and then by the movie directed by Sean Penn.

Over the years, people trying to reach the bus that was located about 25 miles (40 kilometers) from Healy to pay pilgrimage to McCandless had to be rescued or died. That prompted state officials to remove the bus from the backcountry in 2020. □

EU promises more Ukraine war aid; calls for sanctions unity

By RAF CASERT

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — European Union foreign ministers promised another 500 millions euros in military aid to Ukraine's war chest to beef up the defense of the nation as the bloc's foreign policy chief exhorted member states not to waver in their commitment to sanctions against Russia.

The aid decision came after a video debriefing on the latest developments by Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba, who said he was "grateful" for the new funds, which brings the EU total to 2.5 billion euros but still urged the 27 nations to provide more.

"If anything needs to be continued, it is weapons deliveries," said Lithuanian Foreign Minister Gabrielius Landsbergis, insisting it was also essential to secure the



European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell speaks with the media as he arrives for a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Brussels on Monday, July 18, 2022.

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port of Odesa enough to make sure grain shipments could resume. "And anybody who can who can do that, obviously, this is the main industrial countries of the Western world. They

have to step up with that." What remains essential within the bloc, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said, was a unity of purpose to believe that the major package of sanctions tar-

geting Moscow will work, even if the immediate effects on the battlefield aren't always visible.

"Ukraine needs more arms," Borrell said. "We will provide them. The war will

continue."

Borrell lashed out at critics claiming that measures on anything from oil sanctions to monetary measures were counterproductive and hurting the EU more than Russia itself.

So even after he pleaded over the weekend for "strategic patience" when it came to sanctions to take hold, Borrell clearly lost patience with critics like Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán who last week claimed the EU had not only shot itself in the foot but also in the lungs with the six packages of sanctions. "There is a big debate about 'are the sanctions effective? Are the sanctions affecting us more than Russia,'" Borrell said. "Some European leaders have been saying that the sanctions were an error, were a mistake." □

Ethnic minority woman likely to be voted Indian president

NEW DELHI (AP) — Lawmakers began voting Monday to choose India's next president in an election expected to be won by a woman from India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party who hails from a minority ethnic community.

The election of Draupadi Murmu is a formality as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's BJP controls enough seats in federal and state legislatures to push its favored candidate. She is also likely to get the support of other regional parties in state assemblies. The president in India is chosen by an electoral college that

consists of lawmakers in both houses of Parliament and elected members of the legislative assemblies of all states. The president's role is largely ceremonial, but the position can be important during times of political uncertainty such as a hung parliament, when the office assumes greater power.

The votes from Monday's election will be counted Thursday.

Modi's party has projected Murmu as a leader representing poor tribal communities, which generally lack health care and education facilities in remote villages.

Murmu, 64, hails from the eastern state of Odisha and previously was gover-

nor of Jharkhand state. If elected, she will become the first president from one

of the country's tribes and the second-ever female president of India. □



India's governing Bharatiya Janata Party's presidential candidate Draupadi Murmu, greets well wishers who called on her at Raigangpur in Odisha, India, June 22, 2022.

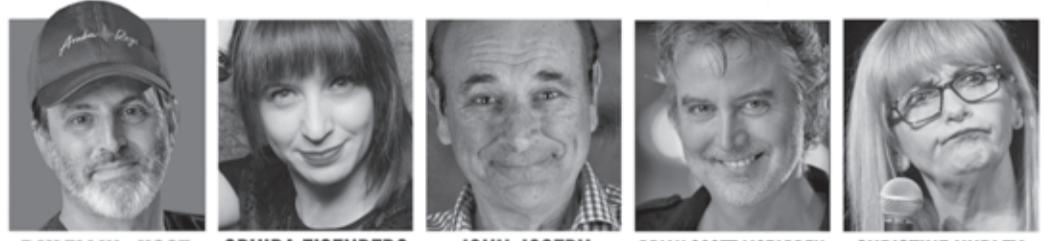
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Explosion of violence in South Sudan threatens peace pact

By DENG MACHOL

Associated Press

JUBA, South Sudan (AP) —

An explosion of violence in South Sudan is raising fears that the country's fragile peace agreement will unravel before elections the international community hopes can be held next year.

The wave of near-daily killings across this East African country is often blamed on marauding militias whose attacks threaten the 2018 truce between President Salva Kiir and Vice President Riek Machar.

While the two leaders work in the same government in relative peace in the capital Juba, elsewhere South Sudan appears at war with itself: Hundreds of people have been killed since the start of the year in violence ranging from cattle raids to ethnically motivated revenge killings.

The violence appeared to worsen in June after Pope Francis canceled his visit this month, citing his knee problem. The pope's visit was meant to encourage



South Sudan's President Salva Kiir attends the state funeral of Kenya's former president Daniel arap Moi, at Nyayo Stadium in the capital Nairobi, Kenya, Feb. 11, 2020.

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faith in a country damaged by years of war, including a long conflict for independence from Sudan and then a civil war. At least 209 people were killed and

33 others wounded across the country in June alone, according to a violence tracker by the Juba-based civic group known by its initials as CEPO.

Both Kiir and Machar are under pressure to release a timetable for presidential elections in 2023. While Kiir expresses hope that a vote can be held next year,

Machar has said that elections are impossible amid such widespread insecurity. In recent days the violence has been worst in the president's home state of Warrap, where victims include a military intelligence chief and a former government commissioner.

"We have lost many lives in communal violence," Kiir said in a speech in early July, noting the killings in Warrap's Tonj North county, where gunmen killed 30 soldiers on June 25.

The Tonj North clashes erupted after authorities there sent security forces to recover cattle stolen by raiders from another county. In other cases, deadly skirmishes have been triggered by efforts to disarm youths.

Killings also have been reported in the Western Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria and Central Equatoria states, the president said, acknowledging that peace gains since 2018 have been eroded by what officials describe as inter-communal violence. □

Extradition of Mexican drug lord to U.S. not likely to be fast

By MARÍA VERZA

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The extradition of drug trafficker Rafael Caro Quintero, captured in the mountains of northwest Mexico, will not happen quickly, according to a judge's ruling published Monday.

The Mexican judge issued what amounts to an injunction preventing Caro Quintero from being sent to the United States without going through the formal extradition process. The judge also ruled that he must remain in the maximum security prison west of the capital where he was taken after his capture while that process plays out.

After Caro Quintero's arrest Friday, the U.S. government said it would seek his "immediate extradition." That process began Saturday, but as expected, Caro Quintero's lawyers inter-



This image released by the FBI shows the wanted poster for Rafael Caro-Quintero, who was behind the killing of a U.S. DEA agent in 1985. This image released by the FBI shows the wanted poster for Rafael Caro-Quintero, who was behind the killing of a U.S. DEA agent in 1985.

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The man allegedly responsible for the murder of DEA agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena in 1985 was captured by Mexican marines Friday in the state of Sinaloa.

On Monday, President Andrés Manuel López Obrado-

dor said the arrest showed the Mexican government no longer protects criminals.

"If there is an arrest order it has to be executed and if support is asked of the (Mexican) government it's executed, whoever it is, it's a routine affair, they (the

armed forces) don't need to consult me," López Obrador said during his daily news conference.

Asked if the DEA had located Caro Quintero and told Mexico's marines where to find him, López Obrador said "no."

He said the marines had developed the intelligence on where the 69-year-old drug lord was hiding was and acted on it.

The president did say that regular cooperation between the two countries exists and U.S. authorities participate "when necessary," for example with drones, but clarified that that was not the case this time.

Few details about the capture have been made public so how it all came together remains unclear. It did come three days after López Obrador met with President Joe Biden in Washington.

And the DEA Administrator Anne Milgram made it sound like a collaborative effort in a message to the agency late Friday.

"Our incredible DEA team in Mexico worked in partnership with Mexican authorities to capture and arrest Rafael Caro Quintero," she said in a message to the agency late Friday. "Today's arrest is the result of years of your blood, sweat, and tears."

Caro Quintero had blamed Camarena for a raid on a huge marijuana plantation in 1984. The next year, Camarena was kidnapped in Guadalajara, allegedly on orders from Caro Quintero. His tortured body was found a month later.

Caro Quintero was captured in Costa Rica in 1985 and was serving a 40-year sentence in Mexico when an appeals court overturned his verdict in 2013. □



Sunday afternoon, the town of Brazil, Aruba was having a party with the Acoustic Parade organized by the Chico Harms Foundation, which kickstarted a series of activities which will end on the 4th of September with a big parade, 'Cultural Folklore of Brazil'.

Around 4pm, the five groups dressed with different outfits and colorful dresses was ready and waiting for the call to depart, while a few clouds with rain passing by. Afterwards they began walking in the parade, accompanied by acoustic music played by some of the participants.

Francisco 'Chico' Harms expressed that they were very happy seeing the enthusiasm that the participants displayed after two years without this activity, which had to be canceled because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We are well prepared and it was very pretty, I think a lot of people are going to find out what we meet with

this, without any electricity", he said.

Compared to the first time, Harms says that there were more people taking part. After they departed from the church at Brazil, they arrived at the Community Centre in Brazil to continue celebrating this first activity for 2022.

Leo Harms said: "This is the culture of Aruba, this is our identity", and through the parade any person could express this identity and where they come from. "From what existed before you were born, what you were taught and what you want for the future generation of culture of Aruba", he says.

Because he is also a member of the foundation, Leo Harms says that they want for the participants, and the whole of Aruba, to know that 'this is us. Don't forget what Aruban culture is'.

He says that he felt really happy and glad seeing the

Acoustic Parade organized by Chico Harms Foundation with great atmosphere



groups that were participating, and how many are registering to participate in the big parade which will take place on the 4th of September. Right now,

there are already 10 groups registered, which for the foundation means a great satisfaction that the interest hasn't died but rather continues growing.

As part of the activities, on the 23rd and 30th of July they have organized the Street Song Festival of Aruba. They have also planned the Cultural Folklore Queen election – the kids category will take place on the 20th of August and the Cultural Lady and Great Cultural Lady is planned for the 27th of August.

Furthermore, on the 27th of August will take place the show for the Lady or Great Lady. For the 2nd of September is planned the Lantern Parade in Brazil, which this year marks five years. For this parade, people take up the streets with lanterns. To finalize, on the 4th of September will take place the main parade, 'Cultural Folklore of Brazil', which will count with the participation of five bands and five discos. □



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Travel + Leisure Editor in Chief Jacqui Gifford went on Instagram Live on July 13, 2022, to raise her glass and toast the media platform's 2022 World's Best Awards winners, including Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort. The adults-only hotel

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Ema Koolman: A life in constant transition

Life for Ema is in constant transition. The 20 year old just graduated VWO (advanced high school) and is moving to the Netherlands to continue on her way. Not to study, but to work and live as a volunteer at 't Bak Atelier, a program of the European Solidarity Corps so she can reflect on her future, because although Ema is ready to spread her wings, she's not sure where she wants to fly.

The reason why Ema wants a break, that many know as a gap year, before continuing her studies is not a common story. Ema, who wasn't an exceptional student in MAVO [lower secondary education] managed to complete HAVO [higher secondary education] and VWO [highest secondary education] consecutively, thanks to the fact that she finally recognized her strength to study which was within herself. As such, it was as if the Covid-19 pandemic was a sort of blessing in disguise for her, because it was during lockdown that Ema realized that studying on her own was much more effective than attending class in person.

Not liking her body

Ema, who was born Emanuel Benjamin Albert Koolman, is transgender. From a young age she felt different and she thought she was homosexual, gay. The realization that she identifies as feminine came during her adolescence,

when her body began to develop. "I always thought I was gay, but wow, when my body started changing, I didn't like it."

The realization that she feels more like a female didn't result in conflict at school. Any challenge that Ema could confront was more on the school level, regarding studying. Her time at MAVO wasn't very attractive. Her basic school didn't see the need to let Ema do the test for Colegio Arubano (HAVO and VWO), and you could almost say that the school's projection was right as Ema wasn't the student with the best results.

Now she realizes that she was just bored in class. Practically she didn't find a challenge in tests.

After finishing MAVO, she went to Colegio San Nicolas, now Colegio Nigel Matthew. It wasn't easy because one way or another, Ema couldn't find the rhythm to follow lessons. It wasn't until the pandemic hit, and Aruba went in lockdown, that ironically – even though she didn't have the ease at home – Ema found the opportunity to continue studying and learning

on her own, in an empty room in her grandparents' home. She couldn't live there because the roof was broken, but the room was good and even had air conditioning.

"At Colegio San Nicolas there is a fourth period of



School Examen (SE; school exams) and I remember I was so tired. But when lockdown came around, I felt so relieved. I could go in the room and isolate."

In that space, Ema discovered that she could find within herself the ability to study, without much support from teachers. The pandemic period gave her a booster so she could study and receive her HAVO diploma. "At a certain point I recognized that I can learn really well on my own, without a teacher, more efficiently."

Colegio Arubano

After that came the question what comes next. Her intentions were to go abroad to study, but she didn't know where. In any case, she didn't want to attend a school in Dutch language. "I wanted to do a study in English. But the study that I wanted to do, Politics and Economics in Utrecht, required VWO." On top of it, Ema wants to start her hormone therapy for her transition process in Aruba. So she decided to stay in Aruba, start her therapy, and with the confidence that VWO will give her more opportunities to choose a study in English later on.

But this time she did feel the impact of the Covid-19 measures. The education system was something that Ema was not used to. She would see the other students open their books and work, 'but I was lost, sitting there like a fool'. It turns out that Ema lost various possibilities to communicate with her mentor and other teachers because of the system of communication through e-mail. She wasn't aware of the 'school gids' (school guide) which was on the school's website. "Now I find it funny, but at that time I was lost."

And initially no one really pointed her in the right direction. "I consider this like it's as if they expect us to be independent. The experience from MAVO to



HAVO is different, because everyone helped each other and we received guidance. But from HAVO to VWO it was a different experience. Even though a con-rector told her 'here you need to learn to be independent', Ema believes that Colegio can do more to help new students to better assimilate into the school, to avoid unnecessary problems.

Hormones

What made the experience worse was that it was at that moment that she started her hormone treatment. But in order to receive the treatment she had to lose weight. In other words, Ema was at a new school, didn't understand the system, had to lose weight and take hormones. "It was horror, with all those emotions. When I get stressed I eat. Imagine then, having stress, not being able to eat, and I started having thoughts of suicide. It is God's miracle that I managed to finish VWO", Ema says with a laugh.

Now she laughs, but at that moment she caught the attention of a social worker, because she was in a very serious emotional condition, even before her

final exam. Even so, Ema succeeded, thanks to her ability to focus on what she needs to do.

A dedicated mother

The person who helped her the most in finishing her studies was her mom, who despite their precarious financial situation, made the sacrifice to make sure her daughter could finish Colegio Arubano. Even though her mom still has difficulty accepting that Ema is transsexual, Ema knows she has a mom who loves her, who taught her the value of volunteering from a young age, and that it is precisely that habit of helping others that will become her stepping stone for the future. "Who knows? Maybe after a year in the Netherlands I can decide to also study in Costa Rica", Ema says, laughing.

On the other hand, one of the goals of 't Bak Atelier is to prove the youth with the opportunity to better their Dutch. Who knows if Ema will transition into the Dutch society, surely because now she will have her own room, something she has never experienced. Another transition to add to the list. □

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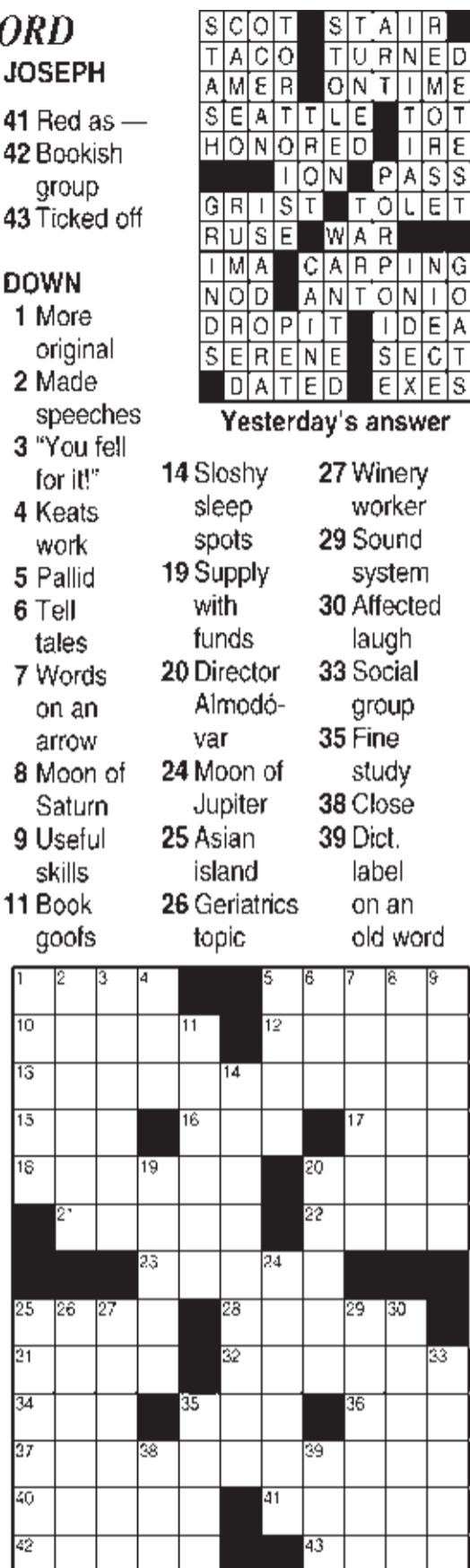
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This May 12, 2020, file photo, shows a general view of the Renaissance Center, headquarters for General Motors, along the Detroit skyline from the Detroit River.

Associated Press

GM CEO Barra says headquarters to stay in downtown Detroit

By TOM KRISHER

AP Auto Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — General Motors will keep its headquarters in its seven-building office tower complex in downtown Detroit, its CEO says. Mary Barra, in an interview with The Associated Press, said the automaker's main office will remain in the Renaissance Center, the centerpiece of the city's skyline just across the Detroit River from Canada. "Our headquarters will always be in Detroit, in the RenCen," she said, using the name given to the complex by locals. "Right now the plan is for it to be at the Renaissance Center. That's our home," she said. Barra qualified her remarks, saying she can't predict what will happen in five, 10 or 15 years.

She also said the company has to look at its space needs now that many white-collar employees are staying at home much of the work week on a hybrid

home-and-office schedule.

The company takes up about 1 1/2 of the RenCen's towers, which have seen little pedestrian traffic for years. Much of GM's work force, including product development and engineering, is north of the city at an updated 1950s technical center in suburban Warren. After GM's 2009 bankruptcy, the company considered moving the headquarters there.

"As we move to having more of a hybrid work structure, we have to look at what's the right space," Barra said.

GM is still evaluating whether the hybrid model is viable for those who can do their jobs remotely. Like many CEOs, Barra wonders if working from home will still allow for collaboration and for reinforcement of a corporate culture. "There are huge benefits to being in the office," she said. "I think we've got to make sure we have the right balance of

collaboration and interaction to make sure that two, three, four, five years from now, we still are maintaining the culture that we think is so important for the company," she said.

Whether hybrid work is permanent, she said, depends on the company and industry. At GM, people have gotten used to the flexibility of working from home. Although workers don't need to be at the office every day at the same time, teams of workers do need time together, she said.

Barra also hinted at that the company is exploring riverfront development opportunities with the city. The city is expanding a riverfront trail that will run from the south side of downtown to a bridge that connects to an island park called Belle Isle. "I think the riverfront is a gem," Barra said. "The Riverwalk keeps getting voted one of the best in the country. So if there's opportunities that we can improve that area and do the right thing for the city, we will."

Ironically, the Renaissance Center was built by Henry Ford II, who formed a coalition in the 1970s in an effort to reinvigorate Detroit's downtown. GM bought the complex in 1976 and renovated it, moving its headquarters from an area north of downtown. □

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GE reveals identity of 3 companies after historic split

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN
AP Business Writer

General Electric on Monday revealed the names of the three companies that will operate on their own after the historic split of the one-time conglomerate, including a mashup of words that will make up the name of the new energy company.

GE announced in November that it planned to split into three companies focused on aviation, health care and energy.

The name of the aviation business that will essentially be the remaining core of GE, headed by CEO Larry Culp, will be called GE Aerospace.

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Downtown



Don McLean looks back at his masterpiece, 'American Pie'

By MARK KENNEDY

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Don McLean has listened for decades as people belted out his classic song "American Pie" at last call or at karaoke and applauds you for the effort.

"I've heard whole bars burst into this song when I've been across the room," McLean tells The Associated Press from a tour bus heading to Des Moines, Iowa. "And they're so happy singing it that I realized, 'You don't really have to worry about how well you sing this song anymore. Even sung badly, people are really happy with it.'"

Happy might be a bit of an understatement. "American Pie" is considered a masterpiece, voted among the top five Songs of the Century compiled by the Recording Industry Association of America and the National Endowment for the Arts.

McLean and his singular tune about "the day the music died" are now the subject of a full-length feature documentary, "The Day the Music Died: The Story of Don McLean's 'American Pie,'" airing Tuesday on Paramount+. It's mandatory viewing for McLean fans or anyone who has marveled at his sonic treasure. It also represents an elegant film blueprint for future deep dives into a song and its wider cultural relevance.

For those fans who have wondered about the lyrics they are singing loudly in bars and cars, McLean shares the secrets. "That was the fun of writing the song," he tells the AP. "I was up at night, smiling and thinking about what I'm going to do with this." The documentary starts when a single-engine plane carrying Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and Jiles P. Richardson, the "Big Bopper," plunged into a cornfield north of Clear Lake, Iowa, on Feb. 3, 1959, killing the three stars and their pilot. McLean was 13, living in a suburban, middle class home in New Rochelle, New York, when the crash occurred.

He had bronchial asthma, prompting the description of him in "American Pie" as "a lonely teenage bronc' buck." The "sacred store" he sings about was the House of Music on Main Street, where he bought records and his first guitar.

Young McLean was a paperboy "every paper I'd deliver" and adored Elvis, Gene Vincent, Bo Diddley but especially Holly, whose death deeply affected him. "I was in absolute shock. I may have actually cried," he says in the film. "You can't intellectualize it. It hurt me."

Years later, McLean would plumb that pain in "American Pie," baking in his own grief at his father's passing and writing an eulogy for the American dream. He was creating his second album in 1971 while the nation was racked by assassinations, anti-war protests and civil rights marches. He thought he "needed a big song about America." The first verse and melody seemed to just tumble out. "A long, long, time ago..." It climaxed in the huge sing-along-chorus: "We were singin', Bye-bye, Miss American pie'/Drove my Chevy to the levee, but the levee was dry/Them good old boys were drinkin' whiskey 'n rye/And singin', 'This'll be the day that I die.'

The 90-minute documentary incorporates news footage of the '70s and uses actors in recreations. Cameras capture McLean visiting the hallowed Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, the last place Holly and his fellow musicians played before their fatal flight in 1959. There are interviews with musicians Garth Brooks, "Weird Al" Yankovich and Brian Wilson, among them as well as Valens' sister, Connie, and actor Peter Gallagher, whose character's death on "Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist" promoted an onscreen performance of "American Pie." The British singer Jade Bird, Cuban-born producer Rudy Perez and Spanish-language singer Jencarlos Canela speak to how the

song has resonated far past America.

The documentary reveals that recording the album was not exactly a smooth process. Producer Ed Freeman was unimpressed with McLean's clutch of songs and didn't think McLean was up to playing rhythm guitar on "American Pie." He eventually relented.

McLean along with a few session musicians rehearsed for two weeks without nailing the song, getting increasingly frustrated. The addition of pianist Paul Griffin at the last minute was a "Hail Mary" stroke of genius that made the whole tune click.

But recording the song was just the beginning of trouble ahead.

At over 8 minutes, radio stations balked at playing it, and McLean's record label, Media Arts, went bust just as it was to release the album "American Pie." After seeing the documentary, McLean was struck by a common strand in his career: "What I noticed was that I had to fight so many battles to get this thing done, to get everything. I've been fighting everybody my whole life," he says. "I'm not difficult. I just want things the way I want

them."

"American Pie" is packed with cultural references, from Chevrolet to nursery rhymes, while namechecking The Byrds, John Lennon, Charles Manson and James Dean. The lyrics dreamlike and impressionistic have been pored over for decades, dissected for meaning.

The documentary answers some questions, but not all. McLean reveals that his oblique references to a king and a jester have nothing to do with Elvis or Bob Dylan, but he's open to other interpretations. He explains that the "marching band" means the military-industrial complex and "sweet perfume" is tear gas.

The line in the chorus "This'll be the day that I die" comes from the John Wayne film "The Searchers" and the farewell is a riff off "Bye Bye, My Roseanna," a song his friend Pete Seeger sang. McLean was going to use "Miss American apple pie" but dropped the fruit. The end of the song asks for "happy news" an echo of the first verse but there is none. The three men McLean admires most the Father, Son and Holy Ghost "caught the last train for

the coast," meaning Los Angeles. "Even god has been corrupted," McLean says in the film.

"He was glad to open up because he and his manager thought it was the time to do it and this was the platform to do it in," says music producer and songwriter Spencer Proffer, CEO of media production company Meteor 17, which helped make the film. "My hat's off to Don for writing something this magnificent. My job was to bring it to life."

For McLean, the song is a blueprint of his mind at the time and a homage to his musical influences, but also a roadmap for future students of history:

"If it starts young people thinking about Buddy Holly, about rock 'n' roll and that music, and then it teaches them maybe about what else happened in the country, maybe look at a little history, maybe ask why John Kennedy was shot and who did it, maybe ask why all our leaders were shot in the 1960s and who did it, maybe start to look at war and the stupidity of it if that can happen, then the song really is serving a wonderful purpose and a positive purpose." □



Don McLean rides a float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. Feb. 22, 2019.
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Column: Palou contract fight is business, not personal

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It couldn't have been more than a decade ago that Chip Ganassi hosted a dinner at his usual window table in his favorite Indianapolis steakhouse. The movers and shakers of the local IndyCar scene were present, including Zak Brown, and the group played credit card roulette to determine who would cover the bill. There's been some sort of falling out between Ganassi and Brown since that dinner — a business agreement gone bad? Brown's failed attempt to lure away Ganassi star driver Scott Dixon? — and the acrimony between the two team owners is common knowledge in the IndyCar paddock.

Now, they legitimately have a beef.

Chip Ganassi Racing and McLaren Racing both believe they have reigning IndyCar champion Alex Palou signed for next season in a messy contract dispute that likely will be resolved by lawyers.

Rumors swirled at the Indianapolis 500 that Brown was attempting to poach Palou, but the Spaniard last month insisted he was happy in the No. 10 car with Ganassi and not looking to leave.

Palou's denials shifted speculation toward another run at Dixon, but the six-time IndyCar champion and Ganassi's longest-tenured driver said he'd had no conversations about moving to Arrow McLaren SP. Ganassi heard the same gossip, rolled his eyes, huffed and puffed and insisted his four-driver lineup next year would be status quo.

Brown, meanwhile, continued signing drivers to McLaren's expanding roster.

It all erupted last week when Ganassi called The Associated Press and said he'd picked up the option year on Palou's contract. A few hours later, the team made it official with a news release announcing Palou would be back for a third season.

Palou hit back in a series of tweets that claimed he'd not authorized any news release, the quote attributed to him in the news release was fake and that he'd informed CGR he was not returning in 2023. Min-

utes later, McLaren said it had signed Palou, an announcement made after midnight in England. So what happens next? Grab some popcorn for what looks to be an extracted battle for the 25-year-old in one of the juiciest IndyCar dramas in years.

Ganassi remained fairly silent on the issue all weekend in Toronto, where Dixon earned his 52nd career victory to tie Mario Andretti for second on the all-time wins list. He maintains he exclusively held an option on Palou, exercised it for 2023 and the contract he holds is valid.

Brown has never seen Palou's contract and has operated under the assumption that Palou was a free agent. And as personal as it may appear to lure the reigning series champion away from his rival, Brown insisted all his driver signings are only business moves. "Our mission is to try and build the most competitive and exciting racing team

in the world for our fans, sponsors and employees," Brown told the AP, "and you need the best talent in order to achieve that."

Brown's recent moves back up his claim. Arrow McLaren, the IndyCar branch of

Notably, Brown is undecided on who will drive what next season. He knows Rossi will be in IndyCar and Norris in F1, but everything else depends on resolving the Palou saga and the F1 future of Daniel Ricciardo.

right now. It's up to Zak; he's the man who is making the moves," Rosenqvist said. He added it could take weeks to unravel Palou's situation and speculated Palou could even be benched for all of 2023.

"At the moment it doesn't sound like he's going to race at all. It's up to lawyers and stuff," Rosenqvist said. "This whole deal went down months ago. I think if Zak was sure I was going to F1, he would have already said it. I'm going to take that chance."

All bets are off if Ricciardo does indeed leave McLaren.

Then Brown has an open F1 seat — the carrot that likely wooed Palou away from Ganassi — and unlike Herta and O'Ward, Palou holds the FIA super license required to compete in the series.

Herta had an outstanding test in Portugal but remains under contract with Andretti until the end of the 2023 season. Andretti has said he would let the American move to F1 if he has the opportunity, but Andretti wants Herta in his own long-term plans and is hoping to land his own F1 team by 2024.

Herta and O'Ward both still need super licenses to compete in F1, a hurdle Brown will address once he knows if he actually has Palou and what Ricciardo has planned. He's determined for McLaren to become a consistent winner in F1 again and for its IndyCar team to challenge heavyweights Ganassi, Team Penske and Andretti Autosport.

It's all just business to Brown. Making his nemesis Ganassi squirm is simply the cherry on top of his ambitious plans. □



Alex Palou, of Spain, drives during practice for the IndyCar auto race in Toronto, Friday, July 15, 2022.

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the larger McLaren Racing organization, signed 2016 Indianapolis 500 winner Alexander Rossi for next season and Colton Herta has a testing contract with the F1 team. Both drivers currently are under contract to Michael Andretti, and Brown and Andretti are actual friends.

Brown stopped Pato O'Ward from slipping away from his IndyCar team when the Mexican expressed early season disappointment with his contract by giving O'Ward an extension from Arrow McLaren. And McLaren Racing extended Felix Rosenqvist's contract with the caveat he could be used in either IndyCar or the new Formula E team that McLaren plans to launch next year. That's five current IndyCar drivers — counting Palou — with contracts to drive for Brown. And he signed Lando Norris to an F1 extension at the start of the year in what's been a head-spinning flurry of roster padding.

Rosenqvist would shift to Formula E, even as the Swede publicly lobbied Sunday to keep his IndyCar seat following his third-place finish.

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Kershaw to start All-Star Game for NL, McClanahan for AL

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw will start for the National League on Tuesday night in the first All-Star Game at Dodger Stadium since 1980, and Tampa Bay's Shane McClanahan will be on the mound for the American League.

Los Angeles Angels two-way star Shohei Ohtani will lead off for the AL as the designated hitter. Last year, he was the starting pitcher and led off as the DH in the AL's 5-2 win at Denver.

Ohtani is 9-4 with a 2.38 ERA on the mound this year, striking out 123 in 87 innings. The reigning AL MVP shut down Houston in his last outing Wednesday, and there was speculation he might start this Southern California showcase.

Ohtani said Monday that he won't pitch in the All-Star Game and instead will start the Angels' first game after the break, on Friday in Atlanta.

"From the information that we received from Ohtani's camp was that, you know, he probably shouldn't or wouldn't start, and so then that's why we chose Shane," AL manager Dusty Baker of the Astros said Monday.

"They just said they preferred that, you know, he doesn't pitch," Baker said. The 34-year-old Kershaw, a three-time Cy Young Award winner, is 7-2 with a



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw throws to the plate during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels Friday, July 15, 2022, in Anaheim, Calif.

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2.14 ERA and 75 strikeouts in 71 2/3 innings. Two years ago, he helped Los Angeles win its first World Series title since 1988.

"It's hard, because obviously Sandy Alcantara, Tony Gonsolin, Max Fried, all these guys have better numbers than I do and they should be starting this game and I get that," Kershaw said. "But all that to say, I am just so excited I get to do it here at Dodger Stadium."

Kershaw, who passed Don Sutton in April for the team career strikeouts lead, will become the third Dodgers pitcher to start in the last seven All-Star Games, following Zack Greinke in 2015 at Cincinnati and Hyun Jin Ryu in 2019 at Cleveland. He will be the 13th pitcher to start in his home ballpark, the first since former teammate Max Scherzer in 2018 at Washington.

"I think because we are here in Los Angeles, the home of the Dodgers ... you toss this around and I'm thinking, Clayton's name just kept coming to the forefront to start this game," NL manager Brian Snitker of Atlanta said. "I think his reputation, what he's meant to the game of baseball, the Los Angeles Dodgers, I think it's just perfect that he start this game for us in the National League."

Ohtani is 0 for 8 as a hitter against Kershaw. Last Friday night in Anaheim, Kershaw took a perfect game into the eighth inning and held Ohtani hitless in three at-bats, striking him out twice.

"I don't know how I got him out. I guess I'll try to get him out again tomorrow and see what happens," Kershaw said.

In a matchup of left-handers, McClanahan becomes



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Shane McClanahan throws to a Boston Red Sox batter during the first inning of a baseball game Wednesday, July 13, 2022, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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the second Rays pitcher to start an All-Star game after David Price in 2010 at Anaheim. McClanahan, a first-time All-Star, is 10-3 with a major league-leading 1.71 ERA and 147 strikeouts in 110 2/3 innings. "Tell you the truth, I've never seen him pitch and we didn't play him at all this year, but everybody that I've talked to told me that he is nasty," Baker said. Ohtani is followed in the AL batting order by New York Yankees right fielder Aaron Judge, Boston third baseman Rafael Devers, Toronto first baseman Vladimir Guerrero Jr., Yankees left fielder Giancarlo Stanton, Minnesota center fielder Byron Buxton, Chicago White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson, Cleveland second baseman Andrés Giménez and Toronto catcher Alejandro Kirk. Atlanta right fielder Ronald Acuña Jr. will lead

off for the NL and be followed by Dodgers center fielder Mookie Betts, San Diego third baseman Manny Machado, St. Louis first baseman Paul Goldschmidt, Dodgers shortstop Trea Turner, Chicago Cubs catcher Willson Contreras, Atlanta designated hitter William Contreras, San Francisco left fielder Joc Pederson and New York Mets second baseman Jeff McNeil.

Willson and William Contreras are the first set of brothers to make the All-Star rosters in the same year since Aaron and Bret Boone in 2003. The Contreras siblings are the fifth pair of brothers to start together in the All-Star Game, joining Mort and Walker Cooper in 1942 and '43, Dixie and Harry Walker in 1947, Joe and Dom DiMaggio in 1949 and Roberto and Sandy Alomar Jr. in 1992. □



NASCAR Cup Series driver Joey Logano (22) crashes with Kyle Busch (18), Martin Truex Jr. (19) and Ross Chastain (1) during NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Atlanta Motor Speedway Sunday, July 10, 2022, in Hampton, Ga.

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LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Joe Gibbs said he's surprised

Gibbs 'surprised' team hasn't signed 2-time Cup champ Busch

his eponymous race team has yet to sign two-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Kyle Busch to a contract for 2023.

Busch faced an uncertain future after M&M Mars announced it would pull its marketing spend at the end of this season. The company had sponsored Busch since he joined Joe Gibbs Racing in 2008.

The search for a new sponsor has dragged on and Busch has clearly been irked he doesn't have a

new deal. Busch said Saturday a new contract "would be nice, sooner than later."

Busch did not offer specifics but said he has shopped himself to other teams, though championship-caliber rides are scarce.

"It's been hard," Gibbs said Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. "We've worked really hard to try and get things done. It is hard, though. You've got to put a lot in place

to make things work out. We're working as hard as we can. We're going after a number of different directions. So yeah, I'm surprised at this point that we haven't been able to get that finished."

The 37-year-old Busch has 222 wins across NASCAR's three national series and is the only active Cup driver with multiple championships. Busch has just one win this season and finished 12th Sunday at New Hampshire. □